
2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendar Review

Prepared for School Board Study Session October 8, 2024

General Concepts in Putting Together The Calendar

1. Have as few broken weeks of instruction as possible
2. Semesters should have roughly the same number of instructional days (85)
3. Maintain instructional time and teacher contract days
 - 169 – days of instruction at Kindergarten (850 hours required at K)
 - 170 – elementary student contact (935 Hours required Grades 1-5)
 - 171 – secondary student contact (935 hours required at Grade 6, 1020 hours at Grades 7-12)
 - 185 – teacher total contract duty days
4. Minimize transportation costs (such as HS off and Elem instruction day - tiered routes)
5. Start after Labor day required by statute - (unless waiver by State)
6. Begin as early as possible
7. End as early as possible
8. Winter break (roughly 2 weeks) - adjusts based on Jan 1 day and based on ending date of school
9. Spring break (1 week) - Could look at this based on ending date of school
10. Avoid major religious holidays for events whenever possible
11. Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr non school days when they fall on instructional days (starting 2023-24)
12. Graduation should not be held on Friday
13. Approve next year's calendar and develop draft of year after that for planning.



Further Review of Religious Holidays

The Board has asked administration to relook at future calendars and get input on Observance of Jewish and Muslim Holidays.

Administration will provide options for the Board to consider, which would be:

1. Not change the 2025-26 calendar
2. Expand the guidance for incorporating religious observed days
3. Convene the calendar committee review with Muslim and Jewish representatives to provide perspectives to guide future calendars.

The 2025-26 Calendar works out and Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr are observed non-instructional days. If the Board wanted to change from Yom Kippur to Rosh Hashanah for 2025-26 that would be possible as Rosh Hashanah would be observed on Tuesday September 23, 2025

Finally, we will review how the observed days work out for school calendars through 2029-2030.

General Concepts in Putting Together The Calendar

Current guideline #11:

- Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr will be non-school days when they fall on instructional days (starting 2023-24)
- For 2024-25 school year, the Board approved the observance of Rosh Hashanah on October 3, 2024, because Yom Kippur fell on a Saturday.

Possible revised guideline for determining the observed days starting 2026-27:

- Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr will be non-school days when they fall on regular instructional days.
- If Yom Kippur falls on a weekend or other non-school day, then Rosh Hashanah will be observed.
- If Eid al-Fitr falls on a weekend or other non-school day, then Eid al-Abha will be observed.
- The district will work with members of the Jewish and Muslim faith communities to review dates for the holidays as they change each year.

For Jewish and Islamic holidays Starting at Sundown, the designated non-instructional day would be the day after the start of the holiday. Example: If the Holiday starts at sundown on Wed, then Thursday would be the designated non-instructional day.



2026-27 First Draft Review

SLP 2026-2027 School Calendar - Internal HR Duty Days Planning Worksheet (DRAFT1)																																																																																																																																																																
Aug	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sep	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Oct	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri																																																																																																																																															
0						1-12	16					18					1	2																																																																																																																																														
0	30	31	1	2	3	K	19	8	9	10	11		5	6	7	8	9																																																																																																																																															
5	17	18	19	20	21	2		14	15	16	17	18		12	13	14	15	16																																																																																																																																														
	24	25	26	27	28			21	22	23	24	25		19	20	21	22	23																																																																																																																																														
	31							28	29	30				26	27	28	29	30																																																																																																																																														
Nov	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Dec	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Jan	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri																																																																																																																																															
0	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4						1																																																																																																																																															
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	18	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																																																																															
17	16	17	18	19	20		14	15	16	17	18		11	12	13	14	15																																																																																																																																															
	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	0	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																																																																															
	30						28	29	30	31			25	26	27	28	29																																																																																																																																															
Feb	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Mar	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Apr	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri																																																																																																																																															
0						18	1	2	3	4	5																																																																																																																																																					
0	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		5	6	7	8	9																																																																																																																																															
18	8	9	10	11	12	0	15	16	17	18	19		12	13	14	15	16																																																																																																																																															
17	15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26	20	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																																																																															
	22	23	24	25	26		29	30	31				26	27	28	29	30																																																																																																																																															
May	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Jun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Qtr</th> <th>K</th> <th>Elem</th> <th>MS</th> <th>HS</th> <th>Tchr</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>37</td> <td>34</td> <td>33</td> <td>33</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>49</td> <td>49</td> <td>49</td> <td>49</td> <td>53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> <td>38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>51</td> <td>51</td> <td>51</td> <td>51</td> <td>53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>172</td> <td>169</td> <td>168</td> <td>168</td> <td>184</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Qtr	K	Elem	MS	HS	Tchr	1	37	34	33	33	40	2	49	49	49	49	53	3	35	35	35	35	38	4	51	51	51	51	53	Total	172	169	168	168	184																																																																																																												
Qtr	K	Elem	MS	HS	Tchr																																																																																																																																																											
1	37	34	33	33	40																																																																																																																																																											
2	49	49	49	49	53																																																																																																																																																											
3	35	35	35	35	38																																																																																																																																																											
4	51	51	51	51	53																																																																																																																																																											
Total	172	169	168	168	184																																																																																																																																																											
	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	Sem 1																																																																																																																																																				
	10	11	12	13	14		7	8	9	10	11	82																																																																																																																																																				
	17	18	19	20	21		14	15	16	17	18	Sem 2																																																																																																																																																				
20	14	15	16	17	18	11	21	22	23	24	25	86																																																																																																																																																				
	21	22	23	24	25		28																																																																																																																																																									
	31																																																																																																																																																															
<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Teacher Workshop</td> <td colspan="5">8/24, 27-28 & BD 8/25-26</td> <td>No Students - District PD Full Day-No School</td> <td colspan="5">12/4 & 2/5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshop Week</td> <td colspan="5">8/31 to 9/4</td> <td>Elem. Conferences (No Elem School-Secondary has school)</td> <td colspan="5">2/12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays</td> <td colspan="5"></td> <td>6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences</td> <td colspan="5">3/5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Day 1st - 12th</td> <td colspan="5">9/8</td> <td>Eid-al-Fitr Holiday - School not in session</td> <td colspan="5">3/10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Day Kindergarten</td> <td colspan="5">9/9</td> <td>No Students- Elem workday and Secondary reporting</td> <td colspan="5">3/26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yom Kippur Holiday - School not in session</td> <td colspan="5">9/21</td> <td>No Students- Elem & Sec spring evening Conference Comp Day</td> <td colspan="5">4/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HS conferences/Flex (no HS students, pre-K-8 in session)</td> <td colspan="5">10/2</td> <td>6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences</td> <td colspan="5">4/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No Students- Elem Conferences and Secondary PD</td> <td colspan="5">10/14</td> <td>No Students-Work Day Ele/Sec-Grading-reporting</td> <td colspan="2">1/29</td> <td colspan="3">3/26</td> <td colspan="2">6/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EM Teacher Convention</td> <td colspan="2">10/15</td> <td colspan="3">10/16</td> <td>End of Quarter-Students report</td> <td colspan="2">10/29</td> <td colspan="2">1/28</td> <td colspan="2">3/25</td> <td colspan="2">6/15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No Students- Elem PD and Secondary reporting</td> <td colspan="5">10/30</td> <td>Last Day K - 12th Students report</td> <td colspan="5">6/15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grades 6-8 Digital Learning Day (Grades 9-12 in session)</td> <td colspan="5">11/13</td> <td></td> <td colspan="5"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>No Students- Elem & Sec fall evening Conference Comp Day</td> <td colspan="5">11/25</td> <td></td> <td colspan="5"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>												New Teacher Workshop	8/24, 27-28 & BD 8/25-26					No Students - District PD Full Day-No School	12/4 & 2/5					Workshop Week	8/31 to 9/4					Elem. Conferences (No Elem School-Secondary has school)	2/12					Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays						6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences	3/5					First Day 1st - 12th	9/8					Eid-al-Fitr Holiday - School not in session	3/10					First Day Kindergarten	9/9					No Students- Elem workday and Secondary reporting	3/26					Yom Kippur Holiday - School not in session	9/21					No Students- Elem & Sec spring evening Conference Comp Day	4/2					HS conferences/Flex (no HS students, pre-K-8 in session)	10/2					6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences	4/16					No Students- Elem Conferences and Secondary PD	10/14					No Students-Work Day Ele/Sec-Grading-reporting	1/29		3/26			6/16		EM Teacher Convention	10/15		10/16			End of Quarter-Students report	10/29		1/28		3/25		6/15		No Students- Elem PD and Secondary reporting	10/30					Last Day K - 12th Students report	6/15					Grades 6-8 Digital Learning Day (Grades 9-12 in session)	11/13											No Students- Elem & Sec fall evening Conference Comp Day	11/25										
New Teacher Workshop	8/24, 27-28 & BD 8/25-26					No Students - District PD Full Day-No School	12/4 & 2/5																																																																																																																																																									
Workshop Week	8/31 to 9/4					Elem. Conferences (No Elem School-Secondary has school)	2/12																																																																																																																																																									
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays						6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences	3/5																																																																																																																																																									
First Day 1st - 12th	9/8					Eid-al-Fitr Holiday - School not in session	3/10																																																																																																																																																									
First Day Kindergarten	9/9					No Students- Elem workday and Secondary reporting	3/26																																																																																																																																																									
Yom Kippur Holiday - School not in session	9/21					No Students- Elem & Sec spring evening Conference Comp Day	4/2																																																																																																																																																									
HS conferences/Flex (no HS students, pre-K-8 in session)	10/2					6-12 Digital Learning Day - Family Connect Conferences	4/16																																																																																																																																																									
No Students- Elem Conferences and Secondary PD	10/14					No Students-Work Day Ele/Sec-Grading-reporting	1/29		3/26			6/16																																																																																																																																																				
EM Teacher Convention	10/15		10/16			End of Quarter-Students report	10/29		1/28		3/25		6/15																																																																																																																																																			
No Students- Elem PD and Secondary reporting	10/30					Last Day K - 12th Students report	6/15																																																																																																																																																									
Grades 6-8 Digital Learning Day (Grades 9-12 in session)	11/13																																																																																																																																																															
No Students- Elem & Sec fall evening Conference Comp Day	11/25																																																																																																																																																															
HS Graduation tentatively June 8-10, 2027																																																																																																																																																																

Roll over of the 2025-26 calendar. However, Labor Day start is later 9/8/2026

Yom Kippur Sunday night Sept 20 at sundown. Non-school day Monday Sept 21

Winter Break remains at two weeks.

Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) Tuesday night Mar 9 and the non-school day would be Wednesday Mar 10.

Pushes last day for students to June 15th, which is late.



St. Louis Park Public Schools

Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Holiday	Rosh Hashanah	Yom Kippur	Eid al-Fitr	Eid al Adha
Years	Observed Date	Observed Date	Observed Date	Observed Date
2023 - 2024	Saturday, September 16, 2023	Monday, September 25, 2023	Wednesday, April 10, 2024	Monday, June 17, 2024
2024 - 2025	Thursday, October 3, 2024	Saturday, October 12, 2024	Monday, March 31, 2025	Saturday, June 7, 2025
2025 - 2026	Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Thursday, October 2, 2025	Friday, March 20, 2026	Thursday, May 7, 2026
2026 - 2027	Saturday, September 12, 2026	Monday, September 21, 2026	Wednesday, March 10, 2027	Monday, May 17, 2027
2027 - 2028	Saturday, October 2, 2027	Monday, October 11, 2027	Sunday, February 27, 2028	Friday, May 5, 2028
2028 - 2029	Thursday, September 21, 2028	Saturday, September 30, 2028	Thursday, February 15, 2029	Tuesday, April 24, 2029
2029 - 2030	Monday, September 10, 2029	Wednesday, September 19, 2029	Tuesday, February 5, 2030	Sunday, April 14, 2030

Key: Highlighted days are instructional days that could be observed. Future calendars 2030 all have at least one Jewish and one Muslim holidays that fall on instructional days.



Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Eid al-Fitr

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	20-Apr	Fri	21-Apr	Sat
2024	9-Apr	Tue	10-Apr	Wed
2025	30-Mar	Sun	31-Mar	Mon
2026	19-Mar	Thur	20-Mar	Fri
2027	9-Mar	Tue	10-Mar	Wed
2028	26-Feb	Sat	27-Feb	Sun
2029	14-Feb	Wed	15-Feb	Thur
2030	4-Feb	Mon	5-Feb	Tue

Eid al-Adha

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	27-Jun	Tue	28-Jun	Wed
2024	16-Jun	Sun	17-Jun	Mon
2025	6-Jun	Fri	7-Jun	Sat
2026	26-May	Tue	27-May	Wed
2027	16-May	Sun	17-May	Mon
2028	4-May	Thur	5-May	Fri
2029	23-Apr	Mon	24-Apr	Tue
2030	13-Apr	Sat	14-Apr	Sun



Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Rosh Hashanah

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	15-Sep	Sun	16-Sep	Mon
2024	2-Oct	Wed	3-Oct	Thur
2025	22-Sep	Mon	23-Sep	Tue
2026	11-Sep	Sun	12-Sep	Mon
2027	1-Oct	Fri	2-Oct	Sat
2028	20-Sep	Wed	21-Sep	Thur
2029	9-Sep	Sun	10-Sep	Mon
2030	27-Sep	Fri	28-Sep	Sat

Yom Kippur

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	24-Sep	Wed	25-Sep	Thur
2024	11-Oct	Sat	12-Oct	Sun
2025	1-Oct	Wed	2-Oct	Thur
2026	20-Sep	Sun	21-Sep	Mon
2027	10-Oct	Sun	11-Oct	Mon
2028	29-Sep	Fri	30-Sep	Sat
2029	18-Sep	Tue	19-Sep	Wed
2030	6-Oct	Sun	7-Oct	Mon



Discussion and Questions